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SUBJ: THE GOI AND MALTA: POSTSCRIPT

REFS: (A) ROME 2745 (NOTAL) (B) VALETTA 231 (NOTAL) (C) VALLETTA 260  
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1. ON MARCH 8 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN PAID A COURTESY CALL ON WALTER GARDINI, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF MALTESE SITUATION, GARDINI'S REMARKS GENERALLY CONFIRMED PREVIOUS MFA OBSERVATIONS REPORTED REF A, WITH LITTLE NEW.

2. ACCORDING TO GARDINI, MINTOFF (WHOM HE EXPECTED TO WIN COMING ELECTIONS) IS LESS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH NOW THAN WHEN HE FIRST ASSUMED LEADERSHIP. ITALY HAS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THE PRESENT MALTESE GOVERNMENT AND IS LITTLE CONCERNED WITH THE SHORT TERM PRESERVATION OF THE STATUS QUO ON THE ISLAND. BRITISH DEPARTURE WILL OF COURSE CREATE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN THE FUTURE OVER PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT (EXPRESSED BY THUMB AND FOREFINGER RUBBED TOGETHER). GARDINI REFERRED TO MINTOFF'S NOTION OF SOME SORT OF CONSORTIUM (REF A, PARA 2D) ADDING SPAIN TO A NOW QUINQUEPARTITE

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